



Proclamation *Presented*

In Recognition of Cal Ripken Baseball Week

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League serves over one million baseball players from ages 4-18 in Babe Ruth Baseball, Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League annually holds World Series tournaments in seven divisions of baseball; a total of 10 teams nationally in each division will be invited to compete in the World Series; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League will showcase baseball teams from California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Guam and Hawai'i; the eventual winner will represent the Pacific-Southwest Region at the Cal Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League will host the Pacific-Southwest Regional Tournament in its Cal Ripken Division from July 24-30, 2011 at the Patsy Mink Regional Park in Waipahu; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League sportsmanship code includes developing a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul; developing a strong urge for sportsmanship-like conduct; developing understanding of and respect for the rules; developing courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory; developing control over emotions and speech; developing spirit of cooperation and team play; and developing into real, true citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Babe Ruth League provides an atmosphere of fun, fellowship and sportsmanship for the players and their families, which create an once-in-a-lifetime experience for all involved;

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the week of July 25-31, 2011 as

"CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the Babe Ruth League's efforts in creating a positive recreational and competitive atmosphere for our local children.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixth day of June, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i